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SENATOR CHAMBERS:      Senator Connealy, are you going to support this amendment?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, I think it's a reasonable...48 hours is a reasonable amount of time in a week. I'm going to support it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Connealy. I'm going to watch and see if the privates are going to follow the lead of their general. The general is not just a tactician, that means you learn how to take care of little bitty engagements, but a strategist who looks at the entire battle theater and has managed to nullify what the enemy is going to do in terms of destructive firing. Now don't take the legs...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...out from under him, don't spike his guns. My guns are the ones you should be spiking. I'm going to say one of the favorite verses that I quote when I'm talking to a basically black audience on my cable program once a week. My people perish for lack of knowledge. And this is the verse that Senator Connealy would quote. "Oh, that my head were water and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for these hard-headed people".

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hilgert, on the Beutler amendment to the committee amendments to LB 180.

SENATOR HILGERT: Mr. President and members, we did get this...the substitute amendment a while ago. I just talked to Senator Beutler, frankly, after debate had started about his amendment, and I do appreciate the chance to dialog with him and the Department of Labor and experts in their fields, like Senator Vrtiska. And frankly, this amendment is fine, it's a good one. There was a concern. I certainly did want to make sure that those young men and women were going to get paid for being on that hour-and-plus ride on the bus. And with that, I would encourage the entire body to accept the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Beutler,